

**OPINION 2125 (Case 3287)****LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 (Insecta, Dermaptera): given precedence over ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the usage of the family-group name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 is conserved for a widely encountered group of cosmopolitan earwigs. The name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 (type genus *Labia* Leach, 1815) is given precedence over the unused senior subfamily name ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 (type genus *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902) whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the family-group name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 and other family-group names based on *Labia* Leach, 1815 are hereby given precedence over ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 and other family-group names based on *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.
- (2) The name *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Isolabella graeca* Verhoeff, 1902, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *graeca* Verhoeff, 1902, as published in the binomen *Isolabella graeca* (specific name of the type species of *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
  - (a) LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 (type genus *Labia* Leach, 1815), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Labia* are to be given precedence over ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 and other family-group names based on *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon;
  - (b) ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 (type genus *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Isolabella* are not to be given priority over LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 and other family-group names based on *Labia* Leach, 1815 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.

**History of Case 3287**

An application to conserve the usage of the family-group name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 for a widely encountered group of cosmopolitan earwigs was received from Michael S. Engel (*Natural History Museum and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Snow Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-7523, U.S.A.*) on

16 May 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **61**: 23–24 (March 2004). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

*Labia* Leach, 1815 and its type species *Forficula minor* Linnaeus, 1758 were placed on Official Lists in Opinion 149 (December 1943).

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **61**: 24. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Böhme, Ng and Song.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*graeca*, *Isabella*, Verhoeff, 1902, *Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin*, **1902**: 16.

*Isabella* Verhoeff, 1902, *Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin*, **1902**: 15.

ISABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902, *Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin*, **1902**: 15.

LABIIDAE Butt, 1909, *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift*, **1909**: 323.